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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 28, 2003. Applicant requests three (3) months extension of time until July 28, 2003. The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 in the amount of \$930.00. If additional fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

## **RESPONSE**

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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